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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 135 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith the application of the Democratic Republic of East Timor for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 20 May 2002 from the President and the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of East Timor to the Secretary-General (see annex).

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Annex

Letter dated 20 May 2002 from the President and the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of East Timor to the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, and in compliance with rule 58 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and rule 134 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we have the honour, on behalf of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, to formally submit the application of the Democratic Republic of East Timor for membership in the United Nations.

We would be grateful if you would arrange for this application to be placed before the Security Council and the General Assembly for their consideration. We kindly request that the Democratic Republic of East Timor be admitted as a new member of the United Nations during the last week of September 2002, in the course of the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly.

As stated in the formal declaration attached to this application (see enclosure), the Democratic Republic of East Timor is willing to accept and carry out the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations.

(*Signed*) Mari **Alkatiri**
Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of East Timor

(*Signed*) Jose Alexandre Xanana **Gusmão**
President of the Democratic Republic of East Timor

Enclosure

Declaration

In connection with the application by the Democratic Republic of East Timor for membership in the United Nations, we have the honour, on behalf of the Democratic Republic of East Timor and in our capacities as the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister, to declare that the Democratic Republic of East Timor accepts the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly undertakes to fulfil them.

(*Signed*) Mari **Alkatiri**
Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of East Timor

(*Signed*) Jose Alexandre Xanana **Gusmão**
President of the Democratic Republic of East Timor